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1. AT REQUEST OF FON MIN BORGONOVO, MET WITH HIM LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE ADVISED ME THAT HE HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA TODAY AND PRESIDENT HAD APPROVED POSTION PAPER SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS FOR MEDIATION ACCEPTABLE TO GOES.

2. PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT WANT FON MIN TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNTIL THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. DURING BALANCE OF THIS WEEK PRESIDENT WILL VISIT VARIOUS MILITARY COMMANDS TO ADVISE AND CONDITION THEM FOR NEW MEDIATION APPROACH.

3. BORGONOVO PLANNED TO TELEPHONE FON MIN BATRES IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR MEETING TO ADVISE HIM OF APPROVAL, BUT ALSO DELAY IN MEETING. BORGONOVO IS LEAVING FOR UNGA MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 22, IN TIME TO MAKE HIS ADDRESS TO UNGA SEPT. 23. BORGONOVO PLANS TO REMAIN FOR LUNCHEON WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON OCTOBER 2 UNLESS SOMETHING UNFORE-SEEN HAPPENS.

4. I ASKED BORGONOVO IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN POSITION PAPER THAT WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO GOH. HE SAID THAT HE HAD CONSTANTLY KEPT IN MIND BATRES' VIEWS AND GOH

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POSITION IN COMPLETING PAPER SO THAT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE

TO GOH. MEDIATOR WILL NOT BE NAMED IN DOCUMENT TO PREVENT CONTROVERSY ON THIS POINT. DOCUMENT WILL ALSO SPECIFY THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS CAN CONTINUE TO ASSIST MEDIATOR.

5. FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION, BORGONOVO TELEPHONED ME AFTER TELEPHONING BATRES. HE ADVISED THAT HE AND BATRES HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON POSITION PAPER AND THAT THEY HAD ARRANGED TO MEET AT THE UNGA IN NEW YORK ON MONDAY, SEPT. 23. THIS MAY ALSO BE AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS AND U.S. OFFICIALS AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR BOWDLER DURING MY WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

6. BORGONOVO AND BATRES WENT AS FAR AS DISCUSSING POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR MEDIATOR AND CARILLO FLORES NAME WAS MENTIONED. IF GOH WOULD PROPOSE FLORES HE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOES. HOWEVER, BORGONOVO BELIEVES IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT BATRES PROPOSE FLORES AS HONDURAS' CANDIDATE SINCE HIS NOMINATION BY GOES COULD CONCEIVABLY MAKE FLORES SUSPECT IN HONDURAS AND PREJUDICE HIS CHANCES OF BEING ACCEPTABLE THERE AS MEDIATOR. FLORES IS PRESENTLY AT UN IN NEW YORK IAND IT SI PROBABLE THAT BORGONOVO AND BATRES WILL ALSO TALK WITH HIM DURING THEIR SOJOURN IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.
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